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NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL
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UNDER 37 CFR § 1.313

The purpose of this communication is to inform you that the above-identified application is being withdrawn from issue pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.313.

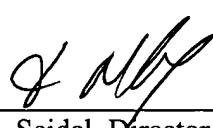
The above-identified application is hereby withdrawn from issue. The Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due and the Notice of Allowability mailed December 13, 2004, are hereby vacated.

The application is being withdrawn to permit reopening of prosecution. The reasons therefor will be communicated to you by the examiner.

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Telephone inquiries should be directed to Paula Bradley at (571) 272-2800 ext 33.

The above-identified application is being forwarded to the examiner for prompt appropriate action.


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DETAILED ACTION

The indicated allowability of claims 1-5,8 and 14 is withdrawn. Upon further consideration, the Harwood reference is "capable of" the intended use portions recited in the claims. The Examiner apologizes for any inconvenience the withdrawal may have caused applicant.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Harwood. Harwood discloses a locking device 10 for keeping interconnected ends of electrical cords from separating from one another, comprising; a planar elongated device having a constant width; a first set of staggered arranged side edge facing slots on one end of the device, the first set of staggered slots including a total of three identically shaped slots with a first slot and a second slot on one side of the one end of the device and a third slot on an opposite side of the one end of the device, for allowing one end of one of the interconnected cords to be wrapped about in an over approximately 360° pattern through the first, the second and the third slots; and a second set of staggered side edge facing slots on an opposite end of the device, the second set of staggered slots including a total of three identically shaped slots with a fourth slot and a fifth slot on one side of the opposite end of the device and a sixth slot

on an opposite side of the opposite end of the device for allowing one end of another of the interconnected cords to be wrapped about in an over approximately 360° pattern through the fourth, the fifth and the sixth slots; and a solid backing (area adjacent 22) directly underlying and supporting the end of the interconnected cords, wherein pulling the interconnected cords apart causes the wrapped cords to lock into the device preventing the interconnected cords from disconnecting from one another.

Regarding claim 2, wherein the interconnected cords include:
a first electrical cord having a female plug end 16; and a second electrical cord having a male socket end 18 for receiving the female plug end.

Regarding claim 3 the first set of staggered arranged side edge facing slots, and the second set of staggered arranged side edge facing slots, each include three slots, wherein two of the slots are to one side, and one of the slots is on an opposite side located between the two slots (see attachment).

Regarding claim 4, wherein the slots each include curved shaped side edge facing slots.

Regarding claim 5, the slots have a C-shape with an opening facing to side edges of the device.

Regarding claim 8, wherein the slots each include: hook shaped side edge facing slots.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harwood in view of Diwan 4,654,976. Harwood discloses the invention substantially as

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claimed. Harwood does not disclose ruler indicia markings along at least one side edge of the device, so that the device is useful as a measuring tool. However, Diwan discloses a device 12 having ruler indicia markings 22 along at least one side edge of the device for measuring. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to modify the device of Harwood by providing ruler indicia markings on at least one side edge of the device for measuring as taught by Diwan.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 15,16, 19 and 20 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: see previous Office Action.

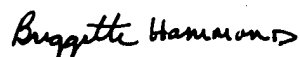
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brigitte R. Hammond whose telephone number is 571-272-2006. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. and Alternate Fridays from 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula A Bradley can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext. 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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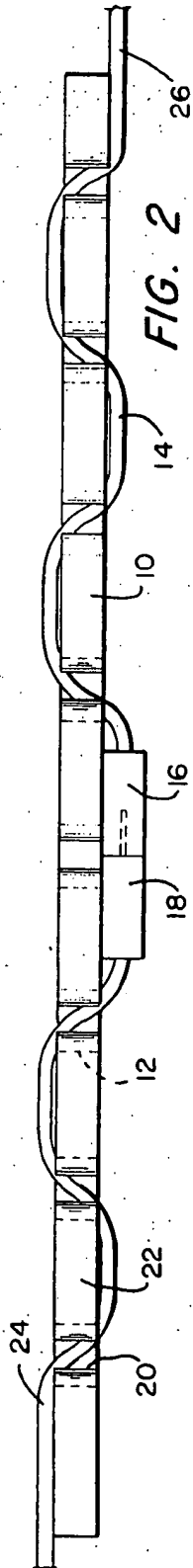


FIG. 2

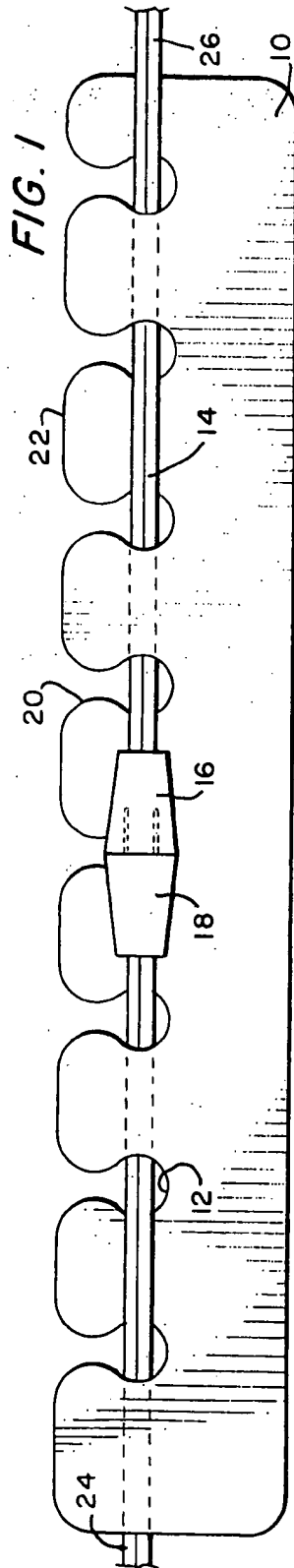


FIG. 1

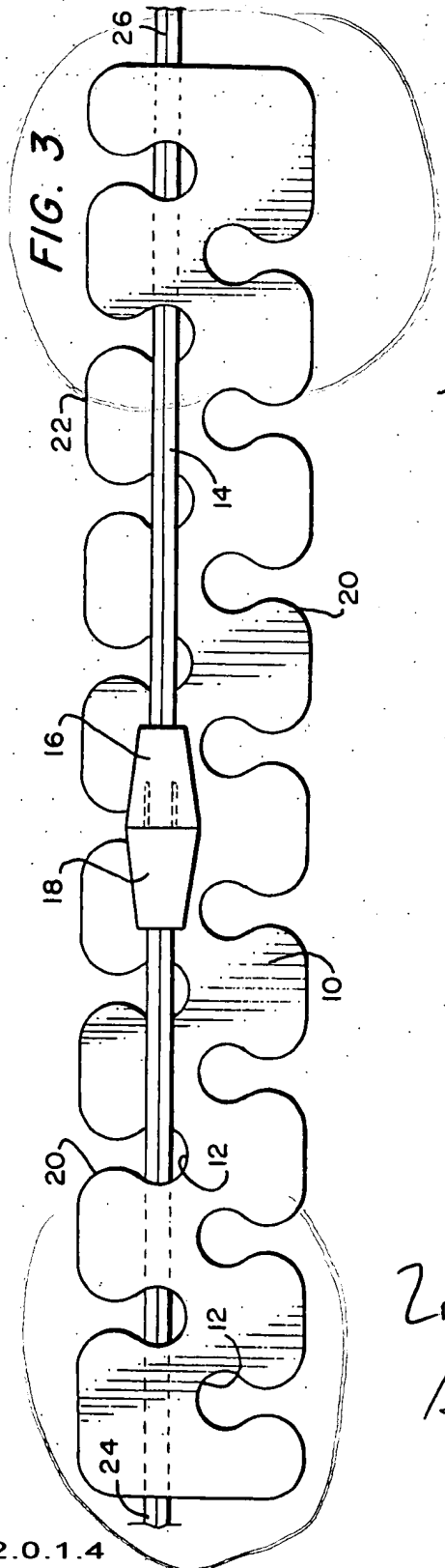


FIG. 3

1st set

2nd set